

it was among these early loggers “that many of the legends of the mythical Paul Bunyan and his daring exploits originated, as men gathered in their bunkhouses at the end of the day.”

Today, Pembine is a popular tourist destination in northern Wisconsin affording traveler's wonderful outdoor experiences like hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In fact, Pembine has been referred to as a “Sportsman's Paradise”. As Congressman, I am proud to represent the citizens of Pembine and hope that everyone in Northeast Wisconsin will join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Pembine on August 2nd, 2014.

HONORING SANTOS GONZALEZ  
RUBIO

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Santos Gonzalez Rubio of Brownsville, Tennessee for achieving naturalization in the United States of America. Mr. Gonzalez is a dedicated, hardworking, and honest young man who has chosen to permanently commit to the United States, showing loyalty to both the Constitution and the people of this nation.

In order to become a United States citizen, Mr. Gonzalez had to take the Oath of Allegiance. This means that he: gives up his former allegiance to Mexico and now swears allegiance to the United States; supports and defends the Constitution and the laws of this country; and will serve the country, if and when he is required to do so. In addition to these requirements, Mr. Gonzalez now has the responsibility to vote and participate in important political matters, as well as serve on a jury.

Achieving naturalization is a huge accomplishment, and I could not be more proud of Mr. Gonzalez for becoming a citizen of the United States of America. Congratulations, Mr. Gonzalez, on joining the greatest nation on earth. I wish you nothing but the best as you begin this new chapter in your life.

RECOGNIZING VENTURA COUNTY'S  
24TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH  
CELEBRATION

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ventura County's 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, which commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the United States of America. Today, this event serves as an observance and celebration of African-American history and heritage. Additionally, Juneteenth serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of our country's multi-cultural diversity and the spirit of community we hold as a nation.

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger announced to all who were enslaved

that they were free, thus marking the memorial of this occurrence as the Juneteenth celebration. The early Juneteenth festivities were held in the spirit of celebrating and honoring the newly freed citizens' ancestors. The bountiful feasts and lively celebrations fueled the overall cherishment of African-American heritage, with great emphasis put on the exploration and education of the African-American community.

For over a century, Juneteenth is celebrated in all corners of the nation and has established a role of promoting reverence for African American history and achievement. Over the last several years, this vibrant event has extended beyond the African-American community and has seen an increase in focus on respect for all the cultures that make up our great nation.

In Ventura County, this annual celebration brings together the tradition from the earliest days of Juneteenth and the rich diversity of our community throughout the region. The community-wide involvement in this historic event is a true testament to the multiculturalism of our county. Juneteenth not only highlights the culture of the African-American community, but it expresses the importance of recognizing the heritage of all the citizens that comprise Ventura County.

Juneteenth embodies the spirit of community and offers the promise of a bright future by embracing the richness of the culture and heritage of a community as a whole, especially in communities like Ventura County where the festivities continue to grow and the overall goal of respect for diversity becomes instilled in all who take part in the excitement.

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the Ventura County Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California in the historical celebration of their 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND  
DEDICATION OF REV. LOU NESS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and devotion of Rev. Louisett Ness of Rockford, Illinois, who has, in just over two months, walked from Rockford to Washington D.C. to draw attention to the plight of the poverty stricken in America.

Lou, a 65 year old grandmother, is the Executive Director of Shelter Care ministries in Rockford. Lou's dedication on this 756-mile march has been inspiring, and I was proud to greet her today as she reached her final destination, here at the U.S. Capitol.

I'd also like to applaud the staff and volunteers at Shelter Care Ministries for the work they do every day to provide emergency and transitional housing for the homeless, as well as valuable support services including child care and career counseling.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Lou for having the courage to confront the societal challenge of poverty by embarking on this journey and acting as a voice for those less fortunate.

INDIAN COAL PRODUCTION TAX  
CREDIT

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, since it was first offered as part of the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit has been a crucial tax incentive that levels the playing field for the production of Indian coal. However, it expired last year.

Before its expiration, this important incentive served as a counter-balance to the additional costs and time required to develop Tribal coal deposits, which are subject to more regulatory requirements than comparable development on private, state, or federal lands.

The production of coal has been a boon for the Crow Tribe of the State of Montana and has already generated more than 125 jobs for Tribal members. Crow Tribal Chairman Darrin Old Coyote has called the tax credit an “essential tool” to “the economic viability of our existing coal mining operations.”

Montana's Northern Cheyenne tribe and other coal-producing tribes stand ready to likewise utilize this important policy to create jobs and increase energy development.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 4785 and make the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit permanent to ensure strong economic benefits for future generations of Montana Tribes.

HONORING CUB SCOUT PACK 290

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70 young men of Cub Scout Pack 290 of Frisco, Texas. This is no ordinary Cub Scout Pack. These individuals go above and beyond to be involved in civic activities and community events and place a great emphasis on leading the community in patriotic awareness.

Pack 290 was established in 2005 and has contributed over 1,000 hours of community service in the last three years. In previous years, Pack 290 has participated in the Frisco Veteran's Community Parade where they won the Grand Marshal's Award and the Best Theme Related Award. They have also participated in “Clean It and Green It” three consecutive years. This is a city wide event where residents of all ages celebrate Earth Day by not only picking up trash and aesthetically improving the community, but also labeling storm drains with educational tiles about the city's storm water program.

It is essential for our leaders of tomorrow to be engaged in civic affairs and know and preserve our history. Through participating in our government at an early age, these young men have learned lessons that will last a lifetime. It is my hope that they will continue to be involved in our community in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these scouts, the troop leaders, their parents and families for their dedication to our community and wish them the best on their future endeavors.